

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A detachable shoulder rest apparatus for use with a telephone handset having one or more positions on the exterior of the telephone handset housing for accepting removable placement of telephone accessories, said detachable shoulder rest apparatus comprising:

a body portion configured to rest against the user's shoulder for supporting the telephone handset between the user's shoulder and head; and

at least one attachment member for engaging with the telephone handset to removably attach said body portion to the exterior of the telephone handset.

10 2. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said body portion comprises a contoured wedge to substantially conform to the shape of the user's shoulder.

3. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said body portion comprises a substantially rigid material.

15 4. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said body portion comprises a deformable material capable of conforming to the shape of the user's shoulder.

20 5. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one attachment member comprises a plurality of arms extending from said body portion, said arms configured so as to engage at least one slot or recess located on the telephone handset.

6. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one attachment member comprises at least one hook member configured so as to engage at least one slot or aperture located on the telephone handset.

7. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at 5 least one attachment member comprises at least one slot or aperture configured so as to engage at least one projection or protrusion located on the telephone handset.

8. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a base portion joining said body portion to said at least one attachment member.

9. The detachable shoulder rest apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said body 10 portion and said base portion are separable.